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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA HUMAN RIGHTS LEAHY AMENDMENT VETTING REQUEST -
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The Military Group at Embassy Guatemala has identified the following Units and Commanders to participate on the Special Forces Training, to be held from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 in Guatemala. Embassy conducted its own review and found no credible information that the units and individuals below have been involved in gross human rights violations. Please conduct human rights vetting and advise of any results by September 24, 2009.

UNIT: National Defense Chief of Staff
NAME: Juan Jose RUIZ MORALES
RANK: Brigadier General, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: February 19, 1961
POB: Chimaltenango, Guatemala

UNIT: Special Forces Brigade
NAME: Rene Alejandro ELEL XOYON
RANK: Infantry Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: August 19, 1960
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Peace Keeping Operations Unit - CFAC - Guatemala
NAME: Edwin Rolando GALINDO REYES
RANK: Infantry Lieutenant Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: February 26, 1963
POB: Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

UNIT: Task Force West
NAME: Luis Felipe AYAPAN CANEL
RANK: Infantry Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: October 15, 1960
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Central Air Command
NAME: Jorge Guillermo CIFUENTES LOPEZ
RANK: Colonel, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: February 25, 1962
POB: Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

UNIT: Military School of Aviation
NAME: Fredy Rene GONZALEZ OLIVA
RANK: Colonel, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: July 16, 1960
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: First Infantry Brigade
NAME: Oscar Eduardo GRAMAJO ALDANA
RANK: Infantry Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: June 18, 1958
POB: Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

UNIT: GEIR - Special Group of Intervention and Rescue
NAME: Arsenio GUILLEN OLIVA
RANK: Infantry Lieutenant Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: October 20, 1965
POB: Izabal, Guatemala

UNIT: Pacific Naval Command
NAME: Carlos Antonio LAINFIESTA SOTO
RANK: Captain, Guatemalan Navy
DOB: April 05, 1961
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: North Air Command
NAME: Edwin Efrain NAJERA CASTANEDA
RANK: Colonel, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: October 14, 1958
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Guatemalan Air Force Headquarters
NAME: Pedro Antonio NORIEGA CUELLAR
RANK: Brigadier General, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: July 29, 1959
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Humanitarian Rescue Unit
NAME: Luis Fernando ROMAN DE LEON
RANK: Infantry Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: December 23, 1963
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Technical Military School of Aviation
NAME: Salvador Eduardo RUBIO PARRA
RANK: Colonel, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: April 15, 1961
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Caribbean Naval Command
NAME: Manuel Francisco SOSA BATRES
RANK: Captain, Guatemalan Navy

DOB: February 12, 1960
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Naval Special Forces
NAME: Saul Antonio TOBAR GARCIA
RANK: Commander, Guatemalan Navy
DOB: March 05, 1963
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Office of the Minister of Defense
NAME: Abraham VALENZUELA GONZALEZ
RANK: Major General, Guatemalan Army
DOB: May 02, 1959
POB: Guatemala, Guatemala

UNIT: Task Force North
NAME: Marco Tulio VASQUEZ SANCHEZ
RANK: Infantry Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: July 16, 1957
POB: Sacatepequez, Guatemala

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